

## William Henry Pendarvis

### River Boat Pilot

In very early Mobile records, there are several Pendarvises mentioned. In the death records there are 4 women named for the time period of the yellow fever epidemic. There was Emily Pendarvis age 10 who died August 3, 1825. Catherine Pendarvis, age 50, died August 9<sup>th</sup>, 1825. Margaret Pendarvis died October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1825, and Harriet who was 22 years old died September 18, 1826. Also, in a later sexton's report there is a James A. Pendarvis, born in South Carolina who dies of paralysis on November 29, 1851. He was 43 years old. He is buried at Magnolia Cemetery, Lot 43, Square 5. We do not know how these people relate to William Henry Pendarvis.

William Henry Pendarvis was born in 1805 in South Carolina. He was the son of John Pendarvis (brother of Richard Lambright Pendarvis of Wayne County, Georgia) who was the son of Josiah Pendarvis and Sarah Bedon of Colleton county, South Carolina. William Henry's youngest brother James Washington Pendarvis settled in the Irvington/Bayou La Batre, Alabama area in the 1850's.

William Henry's first marriage was to Rebecca Glase on March 3, 1825 in Mobile, Alabama. In June 1854, William Henry married a widow named Catherine Elizabeth Williams Fettus. This marriage took place in Mobile County, also.

Captain William Henry Pendarvis is first mentioned in the Mobile City Directory in 1837. His steamboat was the "Louis Cass". He resided at St. Louis and North Bayou. In 1838, the manifest of the steamboat "Emblem", with Pendarvis listed as Master from Columbus, was 5 bales of cotton and 16 passengers. By 1842 he was the captain

of the steamboat "W. W. Fry". According to the "Mobile Register", May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1848, the steamboat "Selma" with Pendarvis as captain came into Mobile from Wetumpka with 122 bales of cotton.

In the 1859 city directory, William Henry Pendarvis is listed as a steamboatsman, residing on St. Francis Street. In the household with him is W. A. Pendarvis who was employed at the Phoenix Foundry. According to probate records, at the Mobile County Court House, on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1853, Amanda Foster dies leaving all of her worldly goods to William A. Pendarvis, a minor. In 1855 court records, William Henry states that he has had guardianship of William A. Pendarvis, an orphan, since 1839. William Henry died on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 1860 at the age of 55. He is buried at Magnolia Cemetery Lot 43, Square 5. In 1865 and in 1866, William A. Pendarvis and William Henry's widow, Catherine Elizabeth, lived at the residence of Charles B. Barnard and Anna Williams Barnard, Catherine's sister, in the city of Mobile. Charles and Anna had been married in earlier times at the home of Captain William Henry Pendarvis. In 1869 and in 1870, William A. Pendarvis is listed as a watchman for Morgan Line Steamers. William A. Pendarvis who was born in South Carolina died July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1870 at the age of 28. He is buried at Magnolia Cemetery Lot 43, Square 5.

Submitted by: Cynthia Bess Pendarvis and Gracie Trest Pendarvis

Sources: Mobile City Directories, Mobile County Death Records, Magnolia Cemetery Records, Mobile Register, Records of Jacqueline Ward Pendarvis

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Family Group Record

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Husband James Pendarvin Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State or Country S.C. Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Born \_\_\_\_\_ Date — Day, Month, Year 1817

Christened \_\_\_\_\_

Married \_\_\_\_\_

Died \_\_\_\_\_

Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Cem/Place \_\_\_\_\_ Other Wives \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Wife maiden name Mahala Occupation(s) \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State or Country MS Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Born \_\_\_\_\_

Christened \_\_\_\_\_

Died Jan. 10, 1904

Buried \_\_\_\_\_ Cem/Place \_\_\_\_\_

X	Sex M/F	Children Given Names	Birth			Birthplace			Date of first marriage/Place			Date of Death/Cause			Computer I.D. #
			Day	Month	Year	City	County	St./Cty.	Name of spouse	City	County	State/Country			
		1 Elizabeth J.			1838		Pike	MS.	B. E. Jennings						
		2 Richmond D.			1841		"	MS.							
		3 William Richard			1845		"	MS.							
		4 Mary J.			1848		"	MS.							
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		Emmanuel	"	13	M	1850
		David	"	10	M	Hamble Co.
		George	"	9	M	MS.
		John	"	6	M	Family #
		Thomas	"	4	M	460
		Charles	"	2	M	Oct 30
		Annantia	"	1	F	1850
48	459	George Spears	"	25	M	Nov 11
		Geriah Spears	"	20	F	
		Thomas	"	1	M	
49	460	James Pendergast	"	32	M	Feb 12
		Michael	"	29	F	
		Richard	"	8	M	
		Elizabeth	"	10	F	
		William	"	5	M	
		Mary	"	2	F	
50	461	John J. Bunge	"	26	M	Nov 12
		Elizabeth	"	24	F	
		John D.	"	5	M	
		John	"	3	M	
		John D.	"	1	F	
51	462	William Bunge	"	23	M	Nov 12
		Elizabeth	"	21	F	
		John	"	1	F	



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Sister, Livingstone 378544

Date 5/23/1997  
Ancestral Chart #

Family Unit #

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Husband James Washington Pendarvis Farmer

Date - Day, Month, Year		City		County		State or Country		Religion	
Born	12-07-1817						S.C.	Baptist	
Christened									
Married	2-3-1862								
Died	10-1-1888								
Buried	Old Fellow's Cemetery								
Father									
Mother									
Wife maiden name Jane Harriet Alford (Speculation - New Market Chowtown Indians)									
Born	15-3-1821								
Christened									
Died	4-11-1901								
Buried	Old Fellow's Cemetery								
Father	Alford								
Mother	Beason								
Children									
1	M William Henry	16-4-1851							
2	M James Washington	2-18-1855							
3	F Mary Jane	8-31-1857							
4	F Mary Frances	10-7-1861							
5									
6									
7	over husbands								
8	descend from William Henry								
9									
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12									

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To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

HUSBAND WILLIAM HENRY PENDARVIS RIN 25701 (AFN: 58LJ-LV) (JAMES WASHINGTON PENDARVIS, JOHN PENDARVIS /  
 Born 15 APR 1851 Place MOBILE, MOBILE CO, ALA, U.S.A. JOSIAH PENDARVIS, JOHN PENDARVIS, JOSEPH PENDARVIS, /  
 Chr. 1 APR 1872 Place MOBILE, MOBILE CO, ALA, U.S.A. JOHN PENDARVIS, ALEXANDER PENDARVIS, THOMAS /  
 Died 30 OCT 1926 Place MOBILE, MOBILE CO, ALA, U.S.A. PENDARVIS, DAVID PENDARVIS)  
 Bur. 1 NOV 1926 Place BAYOU LA BATTE CEM, MOBILE CO, ALA, U.S.A.  
 HUSBAND'S FATHER JAMES WASHINGTON PENDARVIS HUSBAND'S MOTHER JAYNE HARRIET ALFORD  
 OTHER WIVES (2) MARY A. MYERS 2 JAN 1889 (DIV MAY 1894)

WIFE (MARR.)  
 (1) MARTHA JAYNE DALEY RIN 25705 (AFN: 58LJ-M2)  
 Born 4 MAR 1856 Place MOBILE, MOBILE CO, ALA, U.S.A.  
 Chr. 28 MAY 1887 Place ST. ELMO, MOBILE CO, ALA, U.S.A.  
 Died 30 MAY 1887 Place FAMILY CEM, ST. ELMO, MOBILE CO, ALA, U.S.A.  
 Bur. WIFE'S FATHER MR. DALEY WIFE'S MOTHER MISS MRS. MINTOSH

SEX M F	CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth Given Names Surname		WHEN BORN			WHERE BORN		STATE OR COUNTRY	DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE TO WHOM	WHEN DIED		
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TOWN	COUNTY	DAY	MONTH			YEAR		
1	25706	MARY JANE PENDARVIS	13	AUG	1873	MOBILE	MOBILE	ALA	2 MAR 1891 WASHINGTON			
2	25707	MARTHA ELIZABETH PENDARVIS	3	JUL	1875	"	"	"	GEORGE RHODES (AFN: D243-B3)			
3	25708	DIANCY BELLE PENDARVIS	8	FEB	1877	"	"	"	9 APR 1901 20 MAR 1909			
4	25709	THOMAS JEFFERSON PENDARVIS	18	MAY	1878	"	"	"	ADOLPH 130 SARGE (AFN: D243-C8)			
5	25710	WILLIAM HENRY PENDARVIS	12	FEB	1880	"	"	"	16 MAR 1904 5 MAR 1926			
6	25711	ROBERT LEE PENDARVIS	31	MAR	1881	"	"	"	WILEY MR GEE MANZINGO			
7	25712	STELLA OCEOLA PENDARVIS	9	MAY	1882	CODEN	"	"	N-MD			
8		STILLBORU PENDARVIS	28	MAY	1887	ST. ELMO	"	"	17 SEP 1911			
9									MARY MADELINE TILLMAN (MARR: D243-R)			
10									23 APR 1906 4 OCT 1973			
11									VIOLA EDWELIA CACOWAY (AFN: D243-GR)			
									31 JUL 1905 16 FEB 1964			
									FRANKLIN MICO VAN HOUTEN			
									" STILL BORN "			

SOURCES OF INFORMATION  
 1) ANCESTRAL FILE (TM) - VER 4.71, (AFN: 58LJ-LV)

OTHER MARRIAGES

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*Conder, Angeline* *22* *1850* *50* *Alabama*  
*Elmore* *Pct 1804 int. 1804*  
 (CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE) (CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE)  
 ENUMERATED WITH *Burnett, Jno*  
 RELATIONSHIP TO ABOVE *Mother*  
 REMARKS  
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*Conder, Angeline* *22* *1850* *50* *Alabama*  
*Mobile* *Pct 22* *Dairds Mill*  
 (CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE) (CITY) (COUNTY) (STATE)  
 OTHER MEMBERS OF FAMILY  

NAME	RELATION- SHIP	BIRTH		AGE	PLACE OF BIRTH	COLOR— Race
		MONTH	YEAR			
<i>Conder, John J.</i>	<i>S.</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>1881</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	
<i>Conder, John F.</i>	<i>S.</i>	<i>Oct</i>	<i>1870</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Alabama</i>	

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#### RUN OVER AND KILLED.

James W. Pendarvis was struck yesterday morning by an engine running light at Fowl river station on the New Orleans division of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and besides receiving severe internal injuries had his right leg broken and collar bone fractured. The engine was following a short distance behind the passenger train which reaches here at noon. Pendarvis had seen the passenger go by and a few minutes afterwards he stepped out from behind one of the buildings at the station in front of the approaching engine. The engineer sounded his whistle and reversed his lever, but the unfortunate man did not have time to get out of the way before the locomotive struck him and hurled him some thirty feet, with the result above noted. The injured man lingered until three o'clock yesterday evening, when he died. The remains were conveyed to his home in Bayou le Batre. *10-1-1888 died*

Yachting is a delightful sport when backed with a plenty of Grand Republic Cigarros and Buffos to drive dull care away and cause a breeze to spring up. Sold by all first-class dealers.

*Daily Register  
Mobile, Oct 2, 1888  
Tuesday*



sec. MALACHI, 4. *Elijah's coming and office.*  
 membraunce was shall leave them neither root nor  
 for them that branch.

2 ¶ But unto you that fear my name  
 shall the Sun of righteousness arise  
 with healing in his wings; and ye  
 shall go forth, and grow up as calves  
 of the stall.

3 And ye shall tread down the  
 wicked; for they shall be ashes  
 under the soles of your feet in the  
 day that I shall do *this*, saith the  
 LORD of hosts.

4 ¶ Remember ye the law of Moses  
 my servant, which I commanded un-  
 to him in Horeb for all Israel, *with*  
 the statutes and judgments.

5 ¶ Behold, I will send you Elijah  
 the prophet before the coming of the  
 great and dreadful day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of  
 the fathers to the children, and the  
 heart of the children to their fathers,  
 lest I come and smite the earth with  
 a curse.

*Alabama History*

THE END OF THE PROPHETS.

## REGISTER OF BIRTHS

Robert L. Pendarvis Born Mar 31. 1851

Wila. & Pendarvis Born Feb 23 1852

Henry J. Pendarvis Born Jan. 7/197

Robert R. Pendarvis Born Jul. 22 198

Leola M. Pendarvis Born Aug 13 192

Annie L. Pendarvis Born June 11 1901

John L. Pendarvis Born March 10 1911

William L. Pendarvis Born Apr 23 1911

Jamies Pendarvis Born 1911

Henry Pendarvis Born 1911

Martha Pendarvis Born March 18 1911

had one daughter, Myrtle.

I, Mamie's second born, Huey Melton, live between Georgetown and Winnfield, La.

I have an Uncle Sim Thomas who lives in Searcy, La.

by Huey Melton

## GELVIN FAMILY

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### Huey Melton's Memories in La Salle Parish

Mr. Huey Melton worked on the railroad, which was begun in 1937. He loaded piling, driving mules in the woods, and worked at Camp Polk a while.

He attended the Northwestern College, then known as the La. Normal School. He wrote some articles for the Winnfield paper, and raised cattle, etc. He has two vegetable gardens, and has fond memories of his days in LaSalle Parish.

He speaks of his uncle J.F. Forsythe who kept goats, raised tobacco, and about his Uncle Bowie on Trout, Creek. He told of when he was 7 or 8 years old, getting some homegrown tobacco twists, and trying a bit of it. Said he was so sick he never tried it again.

He told fond tales of the two-story hotel in Zenoria, La. and the commissary located next to it. It was located near the railroad, but no sign of it in 1987.

He said his Uncle Bowie was a Tennessee log cutter, and visited often at the house.

He was a school bus driver. In 1976 he had a stroke, but still oversees his farm.

by Huey Melton

## GIBSON FAMILY

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Johnnie William Maxwell, Kathryn Pendarvis Maxwell, c.1918 in Rochelle, La.



Johnnie and Kathryn (Pendarvis) Family - Max, William Back Row: L.R. Oleta Pearl Maxwell Rice, Max William Maxwell, Johnny Waldo Maxwell, Vonnice Vee Maxwell Allbritton. Front Row: Kathryn Maxwell Gibson, Johnnie, Kathryn, Herbert, Glenister Maxwell.

### Johnnie and Kathryn (Pendarvis) Maxwell

Cyrus Lamont ran away to sea at age 14 from Bayonne, France, arriving in Louisiana in the late 1700s. At age 25, he went back to France. Finding his properties taken by the crown, he once again returned to Louisiana. In New Orleans, he met and married a Miss Louis, whose parents were among the Acadians exiled from Nova Scotia. Their only daughter, Catherine (b. 1839), married Nathan Tisdale, a ship carpenter.

The Tisdales originally came from the Lees (?) River in Scotland to South Carolina where they had been granted land. They eventually moved to AL, then MS, and finally New Orleans. Nathan's father, Joseph Wade, married Amelia Mary Wilson, whose family had a plantation near Mobile. Amelia was a school teacher and an artist.

Nathan and Catherine moved first to Jackson and then to Winn Parish. They had 9 children. The oldest daughter, Adelaide Cornelia (b. 1 June 1861, d. 25 May 1925), married Benjamin Franklin Pendarvis (b. 27 Oct 1858, d. 1 Mar 1912), a country school teacher and farmer.

The Pendarvises, originally from England, first settled in Carolina and then in Pike County, MS, where Will Pendarvis married Hatawa, a Choctaw Indian. One of their sons, William, married a Miss Ziegler, and they had 8 children. Their third son, Benjamin Henry (b. 29 Jan 1818, d. 23 June 1899), moved to Jackson Parish and then to Castor Creek near Tullos in Catahoula (now LaSalle) Parish, where he bought 1000 acres of land ran a steamboat landing and cotton gin.

Benjamin H. first married a Miss Tullos and after her death, he married Annie Elizabeth Cox (b. 19 Sept 1832, d. 9 Sept 1903), whose father was Zacharia Cox, a Baptist preacher and plantation owner in Jackson Parish. Benjamin H. and Annie E. had 9 children, the eldest being Benjamin Franklin.

To Benjamin F. and Adelaide (Tisdale) were born 10 children including Kathryn Estelle (b. 18 Jan 1892, d. 10 July 1979). Kathryn was born in Tullos and attended

Normal (now NSU) in Natchitoches, La. taught school in Tullos and in Grant Parish before marrying Johnnie William Maxwell (b. 14 Nov 1891, d. 17, Sept 1974) in Rochelle on 25 July 1917.

Johnnie William was born in Grant Parish west of Rochelle. His parents were William Henry (b. 14 Feb 1859) and Eliza Jane (Stringer) Maxwell and his grandparents, Collier Allen (b. 23 Dec 1837, in MS, d. 22 Nov 1892) and Elizabeth (Cockerham) Maxwell (b. circa 1826, d. circa 1895), settled on Dugdemona where they ran a ferry called Maxwell's Ferry. Collier Allen served as a private in the 1st Louisiana Calvary Scouts and the 2nd Louisiana Calvary during the Civil War.

Johnnie W. and Kathryn lived in Rochelle, where Johnnie worked for the Tremont Mill. They had 6 children: Vonnice Vee (b. 3 Jan 1919), Max William (b. 29 Mar 1920), Oleta Pearl (b. 6 June 1921), Kathryn Merle (b. 16 May 1923, d. 10 July 1986), Johnny Waldo (b. 16 Mar 1925), and Herbert Glennister (b. 16 Dec 1927).

When the children were young, Johnnie and Kathryn moved to West Carroll Parish to farm. In 1941, they moved to Tullos where they remained the rest of their lives. Johnnie first ran a service station and then a magnet and waco repair shop. Kate was a housewife and wrote poetry.

Vonnice and Pearl graduated from LTU and became school teachers. Kathryn became a housewife, music teacher, and eventually church secretary. The boys all served in WWII, Max in the Air Force and Johnny and Glennister in the Navy. Max went to LTU and later became state manager for an insurance company, a state representative, and an independent oil man. Johnny graduated from LTU and became an engineer for a large electronics firm. Glennister became a carpenter and cabinet maker.

by Kathryn P. Maxwell and Jon L. Gibson

## GIBSON FAMILY

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### Claude Lee and Kathryn (Maxwell) Gibson

Claude Lee Gibson, b. 3 July 1917, Midway, LA. Parents, Willie Itly Gibson (b. 21 September, 1869; d. 21 December, 1937) and Cloteal Louise Lasyone Gibson (b. 7 April 1886; d. 14 November 1962). Brothers, Emmett, William Victor, Archie Boaz, Miton David, and Willie Allen. Sisters, Clara Belle (Evans) and Margie Mabel (Lisinbee). Married, 14 August 1941 to Kathryn Merle Maxwell, b. 18 May 1923; Rochelle LA., d. 10 July 1986. Parents, Johnnie William Maxwell (b. 14 November 1891; d. 17 September 1974) and Kathryn Estelle Pendarvis Maxwell (b. 18 January 1892; d. 10 July 1979). Brothers, Max William, Johnny Waldo, and Herbert Glennister. Sisters, Vonnice Vee (Allbritton) and Oleta Pearl (Rice). Children, Jon Lee (b. 22 March 1943), Claudia Kay (Goodwin) (b. 10 July 1947), and Daphne Luise (McLeod) (b. 14 June 1949).

Claude was born and raised in Midway. His father, Willie Itly, from Clarke County,

have twin daughters Kendell and Deveny. Michael Ray 10/31/83. Joyce and Rick divorced, Joyce later married William "Billy" Martin, together they have one daughter, Katherine Leigh 3/17/92. 2. Ray Irving, Jr. born November 11, 1957, married Darlene Ann Wade they have two daughters; Margaret Ann 8/31/82 and Amanda Rea 6/15/87. 3. James Nolan born August 16, 1959 married Cynthia Ann Hare who has one son from a previous marriage - Christopher Rowell, together they have two sons; James Nolan Jr. 5/18/88 and Heath Ray 2/13/98. 4. Steven Wayne born August 25, 1961 married Leslie Joy Leythan they have two daughters; Hannah Catherine 1/20/87 and Haley Christine 1/22/88. Joanne later married Gerald Odis "Chick" Sprinkle they live on Dauphin Island.

Story continued from the "Clyde Arthur Partridge" story.  
Sources: Family history. Submitted by: Joanne L. Sprinkle, Dauphin Island, AL.

### The Pendarvis Family

The Pendarvis Family is of English descent with the earliest American branch leaving Cornwall, England and settling in South Carolina in the 1600's. James Washington Pendarvis was born in South Carolina on February 7, 1817. He arrived in Mobile County some time before the 1850 census. He purchased 80 acres of land in south Mobile County in August of 1858, where he built his home in September of that year. Through the Homestead Act, James acquired 180 additional acres in the same vicinity, where he had fruit and pecan orchards.



William Henry (Will) Pendarvis, Jr.

Washington, Jr., b. February of 1855, d. August 1917. Nancy Jane "Nana", b. August 31, 1857, d. (?). Mary Francis: b. October 7, 1861, d. January 3, 1944.

James was a skilled blacksmith, and a charter member of the First Baptist Church of Bayou La Batre. He also served with the



Robert Lee Pendarvis

Mobile volunteers during the Civil War. According to Civil War records, James was five foot six inches tall, had gray eyes and light hair. On October 1, 1888, James was hit and severely injured by an L&N train at the Fowl River Station. He later died at his home in Pleasant Progress. Pleasant Progress was a community a few miles north of Bayou La Batre and is now known as Irvington. James and Jane Harriet are both buried in Bayou La Batre at the Odd Fellow's Cemetery.

James' first son, William Henry Pendarvis, married Martha Jane Daily April 21, 1873. They had seven children: Mary Jane (Molly), born 1873; Martha Elizabeth (Lizzie), born 1875; died 1909; Nancy Belle, born 1877, died 1926; Thomas Jefferson (Tom), born 1878, died 1954; William Henry, Jr. (Will), born 1880, died 1958; Robert Lee (Rob), born 1881, died 1973; and Stella Oceona, born 1882, died 1964. William Henry's second wife was Mary Ann Myers. They had two children.

Will was a carpenter and farmer. He was a man who was very gentle, with a calm and peaceful manner. He never raised his voice.

James Pendarvis married Jane Harriet Davis, a widow, on February 3, 1862. Family tradition states that Jane Harriet was of Choctaw Indian descent. She was born on Honey Island, off of the Louisiana coast May 3, 1821.

James was the father of four children. William Henry: b. April 16, 1851, d. December 31, 1926. James Washington, Jr., b. February of 1855, d. August 1917. Nancy Jane "Nana": b. August 31, 1857, d. (?). Mary Francis: b. October 7, 1861, d. January 3, 1944.

He married Madeline Tillman on September 16, 1911. They had one son, Freddie Wilson. Will died in 1958.

Rob was a farmer and a well known trainer of bird dogs. He had a good sense of humor and he was a great storyteller. Rob married Viola Callaway on April 28, 1906. They had six children. Viola died at an early age during the flu epidemic. Robert never remarried, and he raised his children alone.

Both Will and Rob were avid hunters who not only enjoyed the sport, but they supplied food for family and neighbors. They were famous for their bear-hunting stories. One night Will, Tom, Rob, and Will's son, Freddie, took their coon dogs hunting. They were armed only with an axe to chop down a tree to capture raccoons. The smaller dog was named Jack. The larger dog was named Blue. The men heard a commotion at the edge of the swamp! The dogs were ahead, yelping and barking. The bright moonlight allowed them to see Blue running frantically towards them, hoping for protection against a large black bear that was chasing him. Will stood waving his axe as he hollered for Tom and Rob to retreat home. The large bear raised up on his hind legs, just a few feet from the men. Fortunately, the bear decided to avoid conflict, and she returned to her cubs. Three days later, Jack struggled home, badly injured, but he was nursed back to health to hunt with the Pendarvis men again.

These men were known to have killed the largest bear that was ever seen in southern Alabama. It is said that the skin of this bear is now the property of the Smithsonian Institute.

Some family members still live on the original land that was granted to James Pendarvis, and some of the family still has the original land grant papers.

Submitted By: Gracie Pendarvis and Jacqueline Pendarvis Resources: Census Records, Court House Records, Land Grant Papers, Family Tradition

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Irvington, AL 36544 William Henry Pendarvis

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